



West Lafayette Go Greener Commission
609 West Navajo Street
West Lafayette, IN 47906

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Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2013, 6:00 PM

Council Chambers, West Lafayette City Hall

Attending: Allen Jacobsen; Lindsey Payne; Peter Bunder; James Britton; Aparna Puri; Gene Hanus

Absentees: Kara Salazar; Thom Davis; Parr Durr; Tom Voight; Heather Gall

Others: Dave Henderson, Sara Peel

Agenda

- I. Allen: Call to order, 6:04 PM
- II. Allen: Approval of April minutes
 - a. Gene motions to approve, James seconds, approved
- III. Allen: Financial Report
 - a. Current balance \$1,523.37; approximately \$200 is surplus from two grants—mostly Green Events grant
 - b. Anticipate spending some this summer, one line item is for a party for volunteers (~\$50)
- IV. Commission Appointment(s)
 - a. Need to replace Mary-Kate
 - Allen – would like to pursue Marty Senate (City Bus)
 - Peter – approve and can take it to the Council
 - b. Need to replace Heather Gall (taken a position at Penn State)
 - Would be worthwhile to seek out PU student
 - Lindsey – can put out a call to Student Sustainability Council, ESE listserv
 - James – perhaps find someone interested in air quality or transportation—will be an issue when SIA expands
- V. WL Trash Ordinance 07-13: Recap and Steps Forward
 - a. Peter – sent a link to the first amendment, but can't find an updated version, have until June 1 to publish
 - b. Allen – minor language changes (timing, lid, container, etc.); how do we move forward? Do we want to make up a working group, set targets, plan strategies? The city will be getting new trucks (automated), goal to have less human interaction in pick-up; so maybe looking at tiered system
 - c. Peter – we almost had that last time, we already have two sizes of containers, so next step is standardized bins so trucks can pick them up
 - d. Allen – some communities put a barcode on container, scanned when dumped, so skip a week and get a credit; maybe looking at two years, don't know timeline on trucks



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- e. Gene – we should build a case like we did for the recycling, gather our data, provide incentives for decrease—provide business case
 - f. Dave – tipping fees, labor services still a tough argument
 - g. Peter – using two different sized trash cans doesn't actually matter then, charm is increasing recycling while decreasing trash
 - h. Allen – even at \$16 we aren't covering all the costs for the city; more importantly how do we get apartment complexes involved?
 - i. Peter – we have new example going in that is doing this, so we have a nice case study
 - j. Gene, Tom, Allen – official sub-committee to be created, working on 2-3 year plan/strategy and built business case for going to two-bin system; Gene will lead sub-committee
 - k. Gene – apartment ordinance would be another committee
 - l. Aparna – will start researching on apartment stuff; Austin, Urbana, South Bend, Ann Arbor
- VI. Planning for Green Events for Summer 2013
- a. Events - Riverfest, July 13, we will have a booth & canoe; Outfest, Aug 17, TBA, Allen would be willing to contact organizers; Beers Across the Wabash, Aug 24, 12-5, contact Greg Immick, Chris Johnson, James is on committee; Global Fest, Aug 31, TBA, contact Penny Answorth; Art on Wabash, Sept 15, 10-4]]
 - b. Sara – Riverfest, need bins from 8:30 – 4 PM, need GG to set up and clean up; need to get a sponsorship for boat and volunteers
 - c. Parr – can you post a call-out for volunteers for set-up and clean-up for the recycling bins on Facebook and for boat rowers, race is at 1:30 PM
 - d. Allen – need to establish coordinating committee
 - James is lead, will work on getting volunteers (ask Linda Anderson, lcander120@gmail.com – at one point she had a complete list of GG volunteers)
- VII. New Business / Announcements
- a. Sara - Paint the Rain collection tomorrow, May 15 at Depot and displayed, will be displayed all summer
 - b. Dave – IDEM is coming to visit, help us ID set of new projects
 - c. James – bicycle ordinance (3-ft clearance), lot of animosity toward cyclists in paper, would be nice to create some kind of educational piece, it is bicycle month
 - d. Sara – connect with Virtuous Cycles for videos they have a lot
- VIII. Adjournment, 7:15 PM
- a. Allen motions to adjourn, Lindsey seconds, adjourned.

Next meeting June 11, 2013, 6:00 PM!

Recorded by Lindsey Payne and submitted to Allen Jacobsen on May 14, 2013.



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